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Worship for Sunday June 18, 2023
Third Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Pastor John Mayer Dut

Worship Services are **Sunday at 10:30am**, in-person and livestreamed,
on the Messiah YouTube channel (posted for later viewing).

Wearing of masks is not required but Messiah is a mask-friendly environment.

Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:

We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their time of need.



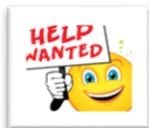
MESSIAH ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Coffee time: All are welcome to join for coffee and conversation in the Peace Chapel prior to the worship service at 10:30. Thank you to those who make this happen on a weekly basis.



Help Needed: Messiah has a vacancy related to the garbage / recycle bins. Every couple of weeks generally on Wednesday (Area 3, City of Prince Albert schedule), the full bin(s) need to be put on the street by 7:30am on the day of collection (or anytime after 4pm on the day prior), then removed from the street by 12 noon the day after the collection day. About monthly, the same process is required for the recycle bin(s) with collection generally on Thursdays.

If you are able to help, please contact Wayne at 306.960.1074 (email bauerhyde@gmail.com) or talk to Lisa in the Messiah office.



Worship assistants (readers, ushers, power point operators) are needed to help on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, or call/email the Messiah office to volunteer! Thank you.



June is National Indigenous History Month; a time for building relationships, deepening engagement with Indigenous history and discerning action for healing and reconciliation. A prayer: "Creator, Great Spirit, we thank you for gathering us today to celebrate and honour the Indigenous Peoples of Canada. We recognize the sacredness of the drum, the powerful symbol of unity, healing, and connection to the earth. As we worship, guide us to listen deeply, embrace compassion, and seek understanding. May our journey together strengthen the bonds of unity and foster the spirit of reconciliation. In your holy name, we pray. Amen."

World Refugee Day, June 20

DID YOU KNOW? Over 1% of the world's population - 103 million - are forcibly displaced people. Nearly half of them - over 42% - are children under the age of 18. 9 out of 10 refugees are hosted by neighbouring low- and middle-income countries.



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief



On World Refugee Day, we remember forcibly displaced people around the globe, celebrate their strength and courage, and build empathy for their plight. Please pray for all those who have had to flee, and for all those who will offer welcome.



Newsletter Spring 2023 – “The Reel” – go to kinasao.ca/camp-kinasao/videos-newsletters-social-media.

CELEBRATION WEEKEND: June 23-25, 2023. Once again, we are thankful to be able to meet in person and are excited to show you the renovations that have occupied us this winter! Keep checking in on the Kinasao website as we update the schedule and add auction items.

LuMinHoS Volunteer Recruitment

Looking for a flexible and impactful volunteer opportunity in the wider church? Do you have experience or a desire to lift up those who are not feeling well? Then, prayerfully consider becoming a lay visitor with LuMinHoS – Lutheran Ministry in Hospitals of Saskatoon! LuMinHoS needs **volunteers to visit patients** in Saskatoon hospitals and residents in Parkridge Center. Previous experience with hospital/care home visitation would be an asset. However, a willingness to learn the ministry of presence, and a desire to share the comfort of Christ with others, are the only prerequisites! For more information, please contact Pastor Richard Engel, Hospital Chaplain, at 306-229-1663 (call or text); email chaplain@luminhos.org.



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLWR VIDEO

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen

Gracious and merciful God, you sent your Son Jesus into this world to teach us your way of justice and peace, to show us how to live with compassionate love. Hear us as we confess our sins, the things we have done and the things we have left undone in our thinking, speaking and acting. Let us hear your word of forgiveness yet again that we might be changed day by day into the image of love incarnate, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Silence for personal reflection.

Listen to our words and our innermost thoughts: We confess that we haven't listened well to Jesus' commands to love you and to love our neighbour as ourselves. We confess the times we have listened to Jesus' words but failed to respond to his command to love. We confess our lack of understanding that you indeed know no partiality. We confess our fear of change. We confess our failure to build bridges and work together to challenge racism, discrimination and prejudice and to stand up for our neighbours. We confess our ignorance for which there is no excuse. Forgive us, merciful God. Open our hearts to the challenge of your Son's command to love. Open our eyes to see the plight of refugees. Open our ears to hear their cries for help. Open our mouths to speak for those whose voices are not being heard. Open our hands to make a difference in their lives. Forgive us, gracious and merciful God so that we may love and serve you and our neighbours as you have taught us to do through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Know this: God does not deal with us according to our sins nor seek retaliation for them. Be at peace. In steadfast love, God forgives you all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#618 'Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer'

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (ELW p. 203)

1. **Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**
2. **Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**
3. **Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

HYMN OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)

1. **Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**
2. **Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**
3. **Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **God our creator, you call your people to love as you love without partiality, showing hospitality to the stranger, doing justice, speaking for those whose voices are not being heard and defending the rights of the poor and needy. We give thanks for the work of Canadian Lutheran World Relief on our behalf. Help us to show your love in all that we do and say. May we see the face of your Son in the faces of all whom we are called to love and serve through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Amen**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." ⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 146

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

³Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴**When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰**The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." ^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother

John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. ¹⁶"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor John Mayer Dut

HYMN OF THE DAY: HFG#628 'He Touched Me'

1. Shackled by a heavy burden 'Neath a load of guilt and shame

Then the hand of Jesus touched me And now I am no longer the same

Refrain: **He touched me, oh, He touched me And oh, the joy that floods my soul**

Something happened, and now I know He touched me, and made me whole

2. Since I've met this blessed Savior Since He's cleansed and made me whole

Oh, I will never cease to praise Him (to praise Him) I'll shout it while eternity rolls

Refrain: **Oh, He touched me, oh He touched me, He touched me And oh, the joy that floods my soul Something**

happened and now I know He touched me and made me whole

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need, saying God who executes justice and loves the stranger, and responding, **Hear the prayers of your people.**

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All these petitions we bring before you, asking that we may be faithful people who do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you, through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN: WOV#732 'Create in Me A Clean Heart'

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Instrumental

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Out of our faith, may we be warm-hearted and loving; Out of our abundance, may we be generous; Out of our humanity, may we be bearers of justice and peace in our world. And may God our Creator bless us with steadfast love and mercy, Christ Jesus show us how to love with compassion, and the Holy Spirit work in us and accompany us always. (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ELW547 'Sent Forth By God's Blessing'

DISMISSAL

Go out into the world now. Show no partiality. Love as we have been loved. **Thanks be to God.**